

KLAMATH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Klamath Community College provides accessible, quality education and services in response to the diverse needs of the student, business, and community. The College supports student success in workforce training, academic transfer, foundational skills development, and community education.

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW Washington DC 20160

RE: 2019 Targeted Airshed Grant Program, EPA-OAR-OAQPS-20-01

To whom it may concern,

Klamath Community College (KCC) is a community partner that works to increase opportunities for our students and the greater Klamath Basin. One of our core themes is to meet the diverse needs of our students, businesses, and community. One of our goals is to have 100% engagement with the community. We are in full support of improvements and projects that will benefit the improved health of all our residents. We believe this grant aligns with our theme and goal.

KCC is involved in many programs such as Energy Trust of Oregon to reduce our consumption of energy and increased efficiencies. We also are pursuing on campus charging stations electrical vehicles. KCC is also working to explore the possibility of our auto diesel program and forthcoming Apprenticeship Center as a location for training of Tesla mechanics. We are working to address air quality locally.

The air quality improvements efforts in the Klamath Basin have been ongoing for a number of years. We have also experienced severe prolonged wildfires that have had affected our air quality. The increase public awareness, education, and notification would be an appropriate fit for KCC as a partner for a potential location for an Air Quality sign. It would be a great benefit to our community to be able to notify them when air quality is poor or dangerous. It is equally important to be able to celebrate the many days that we enjoy outstanding air quality.

Thank you for your consideration,

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